

## AMERICAN AIRMEN PICKED UP AT SEA

Drifting Helplessly on Big Hydroplane When Rescued by French Patrol Boat.

HAD BEEN LOST 60 HOURS

All Three Suffering Severely From Cold, Exhaustion and Hunger.

(By Associated Press.)

A FRENCH PORT, November 25.—Suffering from cold, exhaustion and hunger, three American naval airmen were picked up by a French patrol boat last night, after having been lost at sea for nearly sixty hours.

The three men, in a huge triplane hydroplane, left a French base Thursday morning in search of four enemy submarines which were reported operating off the coast.

When the men failed to return within the usual time, they were sent out to search for them. The searching machines, however, returned after several hours and reported that they had seen no trace of the missing plane or its crew. The naval authorities then sent out a general warning to all allied boats off the coast, and the search for the Americans was continued throughout Thursday night, all day and all night Friday and throughout Saturday.

At about dusk Saturday a French patrol boat saw the missing machine drifting helplessly several miles off at sea and rescued the three men, who included Ensign Kenneth Smith, a former Yale student, who was the pilot; Frank J. Brady, of Newark, N. J., observer, and P. F. Williams, a mechanic. The three men were virtually exhausted when picked up. They were given first-aid treatment on the boat, which rushed them to this port, where the men were transferred to a relief hospital.

All the men have now recovered, and it is expected that they will be able soon to resume their duties.

The boat's crew was unable to save the machine, which was sunk at sea.

## NORFOLK CLERKS END STRIKE

Railroad's Office Force Will Resume Work This Morning—Details of Adjustment Not Given.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, Va., November 25.—An announcement that the strike of railroad clerks in local transportation offices, which has been on for several days, has been adjusted, was made tonight by officials of the local clerks' organization. They stated that a telegram was received from J. J. Forrester, president of the international union, at 6 o'clock this afternoon, to the effect that all differences existing between the clerks and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, the Southern Railway, the Chesapeake and the Old Dominion Steamship Company had been settled.

That statement was amplified with another, to the effect that the clerks affected will be ordered to return to their desks tomorrow morning. No detailed statement relative to the adjustment of the differences between the clerks and the lines was given out. Mr. Forrester, who was here several days ago, went from Norfolk to Washington, and his wire relative to the adjustment of matters came according to announcement from the national capital. The basis of the adjustment was not touched.

It was stated further that Mr. Forrester will return to Norfolk for the purpose of straightening out the difficulties of the clerks with the Chesapeake and Ohio, the Norfolk Southern, the Belt Line, the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company.

## SOLDIER SHOT BY SOLDIER

Bullet Wounds Inflicted During Fight in Quarrel Over Girl Friend.

(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, Md., November 25.—John McDermid, twenty-six years old, of Columbiaville, Md., a private of the Twentieth Engineers, United States Army, was found in the southwestern section of the city early today in an unconscious condition, with two bullet wounds, alleged to have been inflicted by another soldier in a quarrel over a girl.

"You've got my girl," the soldier is alleged to have said, and immediately fired five shots at McDermid.

McDermid was reticent about the shooting, and the police were unable to learn the circumstances of the affair.

McDermid came to this city Saturday night from Washington, where his corps is encamped near the grounds of the American University. Questioned by surgeons at the hospital, he admitted that he "had a misunderstanding with another soldier, and during a fight was shot."

## VISIT TOMB OF LAFAYETTE

Members of American Mission Place Wreath In Grateful Remembrance.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, November 25.—Colonel House, General Bliss, Admiral Benson and other members of the American mission today visited the Flapier Cemetery and placed a floral wreath on the tomb of Lafayette. The wreath bore the inscription, "From the American mission, in grateful remembrance." There were no speeches.

Colonel House had another long conference today with M. Clemenceau, the French Premier. Other members of the mission met and compared notes on the work thus far accomplished, and spent the remainder of the day in informal conferences.

## America Has No Wish to Dominate Allies

PARIS, November 25.—"Nothing is further from the American mind than the wish to dominate or to play the role of supreme arbiter," said M. Saint-Bris, the noted French writer, in Echo de Paris.

"The United States is aware of the difficulties the allies have had to face. It intends to profit by their experiences, and to render them every possible assistance."

"For the first time, America is to take a direct and active part in the deliberations of the entente." She comes to the conference with the authority of magnificent efforts of preparation, and with the aid of a remarkable staff of practical men.

"In all matters that will be discussed at the conference the United States will speak in the practical and loyal spirit which characterizes the sense of the great transatlantic alliance. America will say and do her part with the fullest comprehension of the necessity of absolute solidarity."

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## ISLAND AT DUTCH GAP CHOSEN FOR GUN RANGE

Artillery and Machine Gunners to Begin Practice There as Soon as Prepared.

ISOLATED ISLAND IS IDEAL

Big-Gun Action Will Disturb No One, and Quick Firers Can Scatter Lead Without Danger—Lightkeeper Only Inhabitant.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

CAMP LEE, Va., November 25.—It will not be long now before the artillerymen here will be using big guns in training for their attacks and duels with the Boches, and the men who handle the machine guns will also have a chance to get accustomed to the rapid fire of this important implement of warfare. The site for the practice has been selected by Major-General Cronkhite, and this will serve for both the artillerymen and machine gunners. The location is an ideal one, and was picked by General Cronkhite after he had gone over all the territory surrounding the camp, and had held promise of being suited for the training.

The island at Dutch Gap, in the James River, is the place decided on. It is not a great distance from the camp, and offers that complete security from danger that is so much needed in all firing instruction. Here the troops can hammer away all day, with the shells on their imaginary foe without fear of disturbing any persons, and the shells will fall where they should not. The men of the machine guns can also pull the triggers that will make the weapons spit their merciless fire with never a thought that they will be dangerous to any persons in the vicinity.

This is because the island is isolated and of large area. On all sides it is surrounded by the river, which is of good width, and the size of the island furnishes abundant space for the practice of the soldiers. The island is about three miles long and about half as wide. In getting the land the government experienced no difficulty on account of tenants, as the island is unpopulated with the exception of the lightkeeper.

No firing of the artillery will be held on the island. This will serve the purpose of a pocket or basket to receive the shells when they are discharged by the big guns. It is the plan to have the artillerymen draw up along the roads on all sides of the island, and from any point that the officers may select, fire the guns at some target in the island. The shells will give the men training closely approximating the actual fighting which they will have to perform on the other side.

Over top of trees, at varying distances, the troops will send the shells. The telephone systems which are used on the western front for guiding the firing of the guns will also be employed here, and the men will be instructed in the use of the system.

Had it been possible for the contractor to secure the necessary lumber, the range would have been ready by November 15. This was the date originally set. The lumber is being received now in quantities sufficient for the completion of the range, and there is little doubt of it being ready in another week.

When completed, the range will be one of the largest in the country, having 240 targets, sufficient for two regiments to be engaged at a time. The site is a mile wide, and runs from the northern end of the camp to the Appomattox River, a distance of several miles. It will be complete in every detail, with shooting distances from 200 to 1,000 yards.

Already the mail reaching the camp is being filled with hundreds of Christmas packages. In all sizes and shapes, they are coming in large numbers daily. The majority of them are marked "Do not open until Christmas," so the men are putting them away under their coats or any place that assures them of safety.

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## EX-CZAR'S DAUGHTER ON WAY TO AMERICA

Miss Tatiana Romanoff Escapes From Siberia Through Fictitious Marriage.

SOON TO REACH PACIFIC PORT

Wants to Talk to Women of This Country About Conditions Prevailing in Russia.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 25.—Miss Tatiana Romanoff, second daughter of Nicholas Romanoff, deposed Emperor of Russia, has escaped from Siberia through a fictitious marriage to a former chamberlain of the Emperor, and is now on her way to the United States, chartered by an English woman, according to information made public here tonight by persons connected with the Russian civil relief.

The former grand duchess, who is twenty years old, made her escape from Tobolsk, the present home of the exiled Emperor, to Harbin, in Manchuria, and thence to Japan, where passage was taken on a steamship for the Pacific Coast. The New York office of the Russian Civil Relief, including Daniel Frohman, Ivan Narodny and Dr. Thomas Harrington, have been informed that the young woman will arrive in New York some time in December to play a prominent part in the work of the recently formed organization.

According to an announcement tonight by the news bureau of the Russian Post-Office Department, Miss Romanoff intends to remain one year in this country, and while in New York her guardian and companion will be Mrs. Margaret Barry Carver, of Denver, who left this city last Friday for the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Frohman said tonight that Mrs. Carver is a "wide-awake American woman," who has lived in Petrograd, and from whom he had learned that Miss Romanoff soon would arrive in the United States. Mr. Frohman is a temporary member of the board of governors of the Russian Civil Relief.

NAIROBY TELLS HOW SHE GOT AWAY FROM RUSSIA

Ivan Narodny, who is connected with the Russian-American Asiatic Corporation, told tonight how Miss Romanoff succeeded in leaving Russia.

He said news of her escape was sent to him by the Emperor's former secret chamberlain, named Frederick, an old friend, and that the young woman's flight had been known to a close circle of friends.

He explained that the daughters of the former Emperor were permitted to leave Tobolsk and visit relatives elsewhere, but they were forbidden to leave Russian territory. The plan was then conceived of having "marry" a son of Frederick, as this would give the former grand duchess greater freedom of movement about Russia. The formalities of the ceremony were carried out with every apparent reality, and only those who knew the secret understood it was a ruse to effect Miss Romanoff's escape.

"These are strange times in Russia," Mr. Narodny said, after stating that the young woman was on the Pacific Ocean, nearing America.

Miss Romanoff is coming to the United States "to work in any capacity for the Russian civil relief," according to a statement issued here, but she prefers to "write fairy tales, give dance performances and talk to the women of America about the terrible conditions now prevailing in Russia."

"Miss Tatiana Romanoff does not care," the statement added, "whether her father or the Romanoff dynasty ever regain the throne, but she is very much concerned about a strong democratic government, or rather a United States of Russia."

HOPES AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL NOT DESERT RUSSIANS

"She will try to explain to the American people that they should not desert Russia and leave her to the socialist adventurers and the Germans, but help to get united and work for the allies."

The purpose of the Russian Civil Relief, it was stated, is to "promote and foster mutual understanding, friendly relations and the spirit of brotherly love between the Russian and American people; to raise funds, solicit volunteers to aid, so far as possible, in alleviating the sufferings of the masses affected by the war or revolution, and to make a propaganda for the establishment of an immediate stable democratic government to counteract the Socialist adventures."

The Grand Duchess Tatiana was born in Peterhof in 1897. At the time the former Emperor was overthrown all of his children except the Grand Duchess Marie were ill with measles, the Grand Duchess Tatiana being in the most serious condition. In her case it was necessary to administer oxygen.

In August, 1915, it was reported she would marry Prince Charles of Roumania, and her betrothal to the Prince of Wales also was reported in October of the same year, but later denied.

## FALL FROM AUTO FATAL

Will Taylor's Neck Broken When He Loses Balance and Falls to Pavement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., November 25.—Will Taylor, well-known Raleigh dealer in horses and mules, was instantly killed this morning by being thrown from an automobile while he was traveling with some friends out Hillsboro Street. He attempted to change his place in the car from the front to the rear seat, and he lost his balance and fell to the pavement, breaking his neck.

Taylor was a native of Raleigh and was forty years old and unmarried.

## TRIAL OF MEANS WILL BEGIN TO-DAY

Concord Man Charged With Murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, Rich New York Widow.

BOTH SIDES READY TO START

Little Chance Seen of Selecting Jury Before Tuesday or Wednesday.

(By Associated Press.)

CONCORD, N. C., November 25.—Defense and prosecution are ready, both said tonight, to start the trial here tomorrow of Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, wealthy New York widow, who was shot to death near here last August.

The prosecution, as far as has been outlined, relies on a mass of circumstantial evidence to fasten upon Means the charge of murder, and it is understood will seek to show that a fortune of \$2,000,000, which Mrs. King might have inherited through a second will of her husband, the late James King, of Chicago, provided the motive.

Means, a native of Concord, had been the woman's business agent for some time before she met death, and here on a visit to his relatives, and according to statements made by District Attorney Swann's office in New York, evidence has been brought to light to show that a second will was to be offered for probate. Mrs. King had inherited more than \$1,000,000 through the first will.

No one except Means was present when Mrs. King was killed at Blackweider Spring, near here, according to the statement Means made to a local corner's jury. The corner's jury verdict was that Mrs. King accidentally shot herself with a small pistol with which she had intended to practice target shooting.

DIED FROM WOUND IN BACK OF HEAD

To refute this, the prosecution, in the preliminary hearing, which was ended by Means agreeing to be bound over to the grand jury, endeavored to show, by expert witnesses, that it would have been physically impossible for the woman to have held the weapon which inflicted a wound in the back of her head.

Counsel for the defense declined tonight to discuss their line of defense, but it was intimated from a source close to the defendant that its contention would be that Mrs. King accidentally was killed in handling the pistol, which she had picked up while she and Means paused at Blackweider Spring, near the target field, for the latter to get a drink.

One week discussed again in Concord tonight, as witnesses and officials gathered from New York and Chicago to aid the prosecution, was that the defense might contend that Mrs. King committed suicide. Little evidence, apparently, was placed in this, but those who mentioned it held that Means at the inquest might have wished to shield the name of the dead woman from the stigma of suicide.

Means's counsel would not discuss the defense plans, and the latter, in jail here, refused to see newspaper men. His wife and child spent the afternoon with him, and a member of his counsel said he was hearing up well.

NAMES DRAWN FOR LIST BY CHILD UNABLE TO READ

Little chance was seen tonight of selecting a jury before Tuesday or Wednesday at the earliest, and attorneys generally held that the thirty-six jurymen automatically called with the issuance of the order for a special term of Cabarrus County Court to try the case would be exhausted before twelve acceptable men were found.

In that case, court probably would adjourn while a special venire of 150 men was summoned, their names being drawn from the jury list, according to North Carolina law, by a child unable to read.

In choosing the jury, the defense has the advantage in that it has twelve preemptory strikes, while the State has but one. Another feature of the jury selection that has attracted attention here is that the defense has retained all the principal attorneys in Concord, and the State, as far as is known, is without a local attorney to aid in choosing jurors. Knowledge of this led to reports that the State again would seek trial in another court.

Change of venue was denied once when Judge E. B. Cline, who will preside at the trial, ruled against the State's contention that a fair trial could not be had from a jury of Cabarrus County men. Either side, however, can renew its plea up to the time trial actually starts.

Solbiter Clement, who held a long conference today at his home in Salisbury, Rowan County, with John T. Folling, assistant district attorney of New York, stated that thus far the prosecution had no intention of making an attempt for a change. Mr. Dooley, accompanied by other New York officials who worked on the case from that end, arrived early today. L. C. Cline, a Stateville attorney, formerly of Concord, and an acquaintance of the Means family, came here today, having been retained, he announced, to aid the prosecution, and is expected to give much time to jury selection.

## FORCE KREISLER TO QUIT

Noted Violinist, Lieutenant in Austrian Army, Compelled by Protests to Cancel \$65,000 Tour.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 25.—Following protests from all over the country, Fritz Kreisler, noted violinist and lieutenant in the Austrian army, canceled a concert tour of fifty-five engagements. He loses \$65,000 thereby.

# HAIG TAKES MOST OF BOURLON WOOD

Invaders Wiped Out by Italians in Crossing Pieve on Pontoons

(By Associated Press.)

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Saturday, November 24.—Strong enemy attacks with artillery preparation continued throughout the day along the whole extent of front between the Brenta and Piave Rivers, but all attacks failed.

The fighting, while severe, was not of that whirlwind character of the last two days, and both sides are engaged in reorganizing their positions on the shifting front and taking a momentary respite from the tremendous strain of recent days.

Another enemy attempt to cross the Piave on pontoons resulted in the wiping out of the pontoons and the men.

Further details of the fierceness of the recent fighting in the north were given to the correspondent by an eyewitness returning from the battle line, who also told of many instances of daring by regiments, batteries and individuals.

The Italian artillery has especially distinguished itself. In the fighting around Meletta d'Avanti, a mountain battery was obliged to fall back with the infantry. Every officer of the battery had been killed except the captain, who was badly wounded. A half platoon in the ground, he called two gunners, ordered them to set up the wreck of the remaining gun and directed them to fire from this point. The last seen of him was on the ground behind this piece.

Two other batteries were brought into action yesterday morning. The enemy fire was so fierce that a whole battery was nearly swept away. As the captain was killed, his place was taken by a lieutenant. When the last gun was destroyed in a storm of shells the few gunners about him seized their bayonets and joined the infantry as they swept forward in a charge, and were among those who drove back the enemy in one of the fiercest attacks.

There have been many instances of Austrians gaining advanced positions by wearing the Italian uniform. When prisoners are captured wearing the Italian uniform summary action is taken without the formality of trial.

An Austrian officer was caught yesterday in the uniform of an Italian lieutenant-colonel. Speaking good Italian, he was mingling among the soldiers and gathering information. Another suspect was seen here in various uniforms, those of an Italian captain, a soldier and a chaplain. He escaped last night, but was captured to-day in the uniform of a chaplain.

## WHIPPLE TO BE HEARD BY BOARD OF VISITORS

Governing Body of University of Virginia Will Meet on Tuesday Morning at 10:30 o'clock.

LOCAL ALUMNI TO ACT TO-DAY

Gathering Called by Chairman Dashiell, in Absence of President Wellford, to Give Expression on Professor's Recent Pacifist Speech.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., November 25.—The board of visitors of the University of Virginia has been called to meet at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning on the case of Professor Leonidas H. Whipple, whose pacifist utterances at Sweet Briar College last Tuesday night have been repudiated by President Alderman and the entire faculty of the university. At this meeting, it was learned to-day, Professor Whipple will be given an opportunity to present his side of the case.

Before the meeting of the general faculty last night, Professor Whipple stated that he felt he had the right to advocate the views he held, inasmuch as they were supported by groups of thoughtful people in the United States; that the fact that he was a teacher in the university should not operate to prevent him from advocating policies which he believed would lead to great things. He declared that he had not spoken at Sweet Briar in any official way whatever, and that he never had any purpose of pursuing that course anywhere.

Members of the board of visitors, who will have the final disposition of the matter of the retention or dismissal of Professor Whipple, are as follows: Amistead H. Gordon, of Staunton; William H. Walker, of Richmond; John W. Craddock, of Lynchburg; R. Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap; Robert Turnbull, of Lawrenceville; George H. B. Michie, of Charlottesville; J. K. M. Norton, of Alexandria; and C. Harding Walker, of Heathsville. Mr. Walker was recently named as a member of the board by Governor Stuart to succeed Dr. Frank W. Lewis, of Morristown, resigned.

## RICHMOND ALUMNI WILL MEET THIS AFTERNOON

A general meeting of the alumni of the University of Virginia in Richmond is called for this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Westmoreland Club, to take action in regard to the recent speech of Professor Whipple. All alumni of the association, whether members of the local alumni chapter or not, are invited to attend. In the absence of President E. B. Wellford, the call for the meeting was issued last night by Grayson Dashiell, chairman of the executive committee.

## AIR OPERATIONS ON FRIDAY

British Bring Down Six German Machines, and Admit Nine of Their Own Are Missing.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Saturday, November 25.—Six German airplanes were brought down in air battles on the British front in France on Friday, and nine British machines are missing, according to the official communication on aerial operations, issued tonight by the War Office. The statement says: "The enemy's airplanes showed more activity in attacking our bombing and low-flying machines. During the night a short spell of fine weather enabled our machines to continue their bombing of the enemy's railway stations."

"In the air fighting, six hostile machines were downed. Nine of ours are missing. Two of these were seen to collide over the enemy's lines."

## SAFE BEHIND BRITISH LINES

Lieutenant O'Brien, "Ace" in English Flying Squadron, Escapes From German Prison.

LONDON, ENGL., November 25.—Lieutenant AINA O'Brien, now an "ace" in the royal English flying squadron, and whose home is near here, has escaped from a German prison and is safe behind the English lines, according to a cablegram received by his mother, Mrs. Maggie O'Brien, to-day from England.

O'Brien was captured on the Verdun front last August, when he and a companion were attacked by five German planes. O'Brien's companion escaped, but O'Brien was captured after his machine was put out of commission.

## IN DOMINATING POSITION OVER TOWN OF CAMBRAI

English, Welsh and Scottish Battalions Aided by Cavalry.

FRESH GERMAN RESERVES DEFEATED BY BRITISH

Expected That Byng Will Almost Immediately Endeavor to Reach Railroad Center.

HUNS STILL HELD BY ITALIANS

Heavy Casualties Inflicted on Invaders and Two Machine-Gun Batteries Captured.

After hard fighting, in which the troops came into hand-to-hand contact with varying results, Field Marshal Haig's forces now are in possession of the town of Bourlon and the greater part of the Bourlon wood west of Cambrai, giving them a dominating position over the much-sought-for railroad center and the surrounding country.

English, Welsh and Scottish battalions, aided by the cavalry, now dismounted, encompassed the defeat of the Germans, who had concentrated fresh reserves—men of extreme valor—to face the British in the do-or-die efforts to win the positions which mean so much toward the ultimate capture of Cambrai, with its tangle of railroads and highways leading in all directions, and on which Field Marshal von Hindenburg is so dependent for support. Little else except the gaining of this town and of the wood had had a place in the strategy of the British commander-in-chief since his clash of last week placed his forces west and southwest of Cambrai, just upon the threshold of the town. Ever since the initial attack the Germans had tenaciously disputed every inch of the ground, realizing with the fall of Bourlon and the wooded heights the tenure of Cambrai would be seriously menaced. Several times previously the British had gained footholds in both the town and the wood, but each time, under vicious counterattacks, were compelled to relinquish them.

## TO HOLD PART OF WOOD

The northeastern portion of the wood apparently now is the sole remaining part of it that is still in German hands, and being only about three and a half miles from Cambrai, the Germans are doing their utmost to hold it, and even to drive back the British who have gained a footing there.

Since the beginning of the battle of Cambrai the British War Office reports have been extremely meager with details of the fighting, and the latest communication gives no hint of the proposed intentions of General Byng after the conquest of Bourlon and Bourlon wood has been made secure.

Strategic points safely in his hands, it is not unreasonable to surmise that having had several days in which to draw up his guns and re-align his forces, Byng will almost immediately strike again in an endeavor to reach Cambrai. The army of the German Crown Prince has not given up its efforts to overcome the success of the French troops last week northwest of Rheims, where the gradual incursions into the German line are threatening Laon. Here the Germans again have made two violent attacks, but their efforts brought them, as has been the rule recently, nothing more than repulse and the additional loss of numerous men. Similarly, in the region of Verdun, the Germans have been worsted in attacks against General Pétain's front.

In the Italian theater the troops of General Diaz are more than holding their own against the savage attacks of the Austro-German forces from the region of Lake Garda eastward to the upper reaches of the Piave River.

## SWITCH MAIN OFFENSIVE

TO ASIAGO PLATEAU SECTOR

After last week's severe repulses with heavy casualties, the invaders have switched their main offensive to the Asiago plateau sector, but here also they have been held by the Italians without the gain of a yard of ground.

Attack has been met with counterattacks, and in addition to inflicting heavy casualties, the Italians also have captured two machine-gun batteries.

The fighting along the Piave River from the hills region to the Adriatic has been sporadic, but at one place the river on pontons has been wiped out by the fire of the defending artillery.

For the first time in several weeks, there has been activity on the Northern Russian front, and notwithstanding the uncertain political conditions in Petrograd and other parts of the country, the Russians are holding their positions against the Germans. Near Jacobstadt the German artillery opened a strong bombardment against the Russians, who replied in turn. To the south and also on the Roumanian front